

**CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Held on January 5th 2009 at Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room**

Present: Councillors L. Wilson (Chairman), E. Froggatt, J. Hay (Vice Chairman), J. Hindson, K. Philipson, J. Slann

In Attendance: No members of the public.

01/09 APOLOGIES J. Findlay (work) H. Roper (family reasons) and M. Smith (work).
Resolved that the apologies be noted and the reasons approved.

02/09 MINUTES
Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of November 3rd 2008 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

03/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Councillor Hay (Fellrunner) and Councillor Froggatt (PCC) in 08/09 funding local organisations.

04/09 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting

- Following a second letter to Network Rail they have confirmed that road over the level crossing will be repaired in the coming two months.
- A reply from Capita Symonds is awaited about the lack of a bridge over the Crowdundle Beck on the Skirwith and Milburn footpath.
- Following representation by the Parish Council a new sign post was erected at Cross Hows in early December.

05/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Vice Chairman had represented the Parish Council at the CALC Planning Consultation Seminar on November 11th.

06/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Concerns were raised about the obstruction being caused by cars parking on both sides of the road on the outskirts of Skirwith on the Kirkland Skirwith Road.

07/09 PLANNING
Notices of Decision have been received from EDC as follows:

- 08/0149 Skelling Farm, Skirwith. Change of use from agriculture to launching & landing of gliders; installation of a portable building; wind sock pole; & parking of gliders for a temporary period of 3 years. [This application was approved by the Planning Applications Committee on 18 December]
- 08/0782 Dairy Cottage, Home Courtyard, Skirwith. Provision of a porch/log store adjacent to the utility room door. [approved]
- 08/0823 Plots 42-53 Lake Meadows, Culgaith. Substitution of house types [approved]

Planning applications considered by the Parish Council:

Resolved to make no objections to the following planning applications

- 08/0895 Arondale, Culgaith Roof alterations/extension to enlarge first floor bedroom to rear elevation
- 08/0942 Garth House, Skirwith Tree Works. Removal of Cherry Tree and Cypress Tree in a Conservation Area

Culgaith Waste Water Treatment Works

The Parish Council noted that United Utilities were proposing a significantly reduced scheme for the Culgaith Waste Water Treatment Works and that a planning application was due to be submitted in January with planned construction starting in April 2009. The work would take approximately 7 months.

08/09 FINANCE

Precept

The Clerk reported that based on information from past precepts it looked as if the estimated council tax base was adjusted annually according to how many people were on the electoral roll. In 2005/06 the cost to a Band D property of the Culgaith precept was £24.75, in 2009/10 it will be £23.01 despite the precept being increased from £7500 to £8000.

Funding Local Organisations

Resolved that the Parish Council would award funding to local organisations in March 2009, with priority being given to those applying for grants. There was £1675 in the budget. The Parish Council had already agreed to allocate £325 to the Fellrunner, £225 to the Memo Newsletter, and £250 to Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room. A notice would be put in the Memo to make local organisations aware of the annual funding round.

Grass cutting Contract

Resolved that the Clerk should seek tenders for Grass cutting in 2009 based on the following requirements:

- Culgaith. 10 cuts of the Flodder and the grass around the War Memorial
- Skirwith 10 cuts of the green area on the Village Green, plus other areas every other month
- Blencarn. 10 cuts of the village green
- Kirkland. 6 cuts of the village green between Post Box Cottage and Ranbeck

09/09 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved to make the following payments.

£448.66	Clerk's Salary Dec/Jan
£16.36	Clerk's expenses
£6	Hire of Kirkland and Blencarn Reading Rooms
£72.98	Viking Direct

10/09 FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolved to accept the accounts of 25 November as a true record of the Council's finances. As of 25 December the balances at National Savings were £6,749.72 and at the Bank £1591.62. Since then £20.05 had been received from United Utilities as the Wayleave payment.

11/09 COUNTY, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE REPORTS

- Councillors Brunskill and Henderson had sent their apologies.
- PC Harrison had reported that no speeding offences had been reported in Culgaith. **Resolved** to work with PC Harrison with regard to setting up a speed monitoring device.
- The Chief Constable's letter on "Developing Neighbourhood Policing – The Policing Pledge" was noted.

12/09 VILLAGE GREENS

Registering Village Greens

The Clerk reported as of 12 December 2008 Culgaith Parish Council was the registered owner at the Land Registry of the Tarn, the Flodder, Skirwith Village Green and Kirkland Village Green. The Clerk was thanked for all her hard work in putting the application together.

Skirwith Village Green

Following advice from EDC's Arboriculturist BTCV had thinned out more trees on the Village Green in November. A tree on the green by the Skirwith Langwathby road was not subject to the original Tree Notification Order and permission to be cut back this tree was awaited from Eden District Council.

Resolved to approach Capita Symonds to see if they would repair the broken down wall at the top of Skirwith Village Green and if not to seek a quote to repair it.

13/09 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Highways

- **Resolved** that the Clerk should write Cumbria Highways to urge that the Culgaith Skirwith road be gritted. In recent weeks there has been one accident and one low loader wagon had jack-knifed on the road. It is a main route for the school buses.
- The plans from Cumbria Highways for the 2009/10 Highway Maintenance Programme were noted.

Roadsigns

- Langwathby Parish Council are unaware of any plans to repair or replace the signpost to Kirkland and Skirwith from the A686. **Resolved** that the Clerk should ask Langwathby Parish Council if they would seek to replace the sign.
- It had been confirmed that the Highway Steward can clean some of the road signs. Clarification was still being sought as to whether volunteers could clean up the signs.
- The Council considered instigating a programme to restore the 12 road signs in the parish based on advice supplied by Restoration Signpost. It would require a considerable amount of work to obtain the funding. **Resolved** to take no action at this time.

Footpaths

The Clerk reported that Cumbria CC had reported that the registration of the Path by the church, around Wellgates Cottage and into the field in Culgaith was currently out for consultation. A decision was expected in March or April.

14/09 RECYCLING

Two residents had raised concerns about the type of material being left at the Culgaith Recycling Site. The Village Hall Committee was trying to keep the site clean and were seeking more volunteers to help. **Resolved** that the issue be raised in the Memo.

15/09 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk briefed the Council on the other routine correspondence.

16/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting will be on Monday 9th March 2009 at Skirwith Village Hall.